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For: **ANTIOXIDANT-COATED LEAD ACID BATTERY SEPARATORS
HAVING IMPROVED ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

1. Pursuant to his duty of disclosure, applicant presents for the Examiner's consideration the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

☐ Copies of the documents are enclosed.

☒ Copies of documents are not enclosed because (1) they are already of record in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/154,937, filed May 23, 2002, on which this application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and (2) any information disclosure statement filed in the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/154,937, complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.98(a) and (c). (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).)

2. ☐ Applicant(s) draw(s) the Examiner's attention to the enclosed copy of copending U.S. Pat. Application No. _____, filed _____, for _____, which is cited in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	AB	5	5	9	5	6	4	9	01/21/1997	Markell et al.	210	198.2	
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